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**ARMY CORPS, STATE DLNR ANNOUNCE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT FOR BEACH NOURISHMENT,
RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FOR HAWAII**

(HONOLULU – May 12, 2005 - NR-10-05) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu Engineer District and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announce the issuance of a State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP) for Beach Nourishment and Restoration in the State of Hawaii.

“Since the adoption of the state Coastal Erosion Management Plan (COEMAP) in 1999, it has been a goal of DLNR to encourage alternatives to shoreline armoring. This expedited permit for beach nourishment is a priority,” said DLNR Chairperson Peter Young.

There are four purposes to the State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP) for Beach Nourishment and Restoration.

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First, to provide a viable alternative to shoreline hardening through the development and enhancement of a beach nourishment and restoration program.

Second, to encourage landowners to consider beach nourishment over hard shoreline armoring.

Third, to provide a streamlined application process for Small-Scale Beach Nourishment (SSBN) and restoration projects by consolidating the permit processing functions solely within the DLNR; and

Fourth, to integrate into one application, managed by the DLNR, the following four permits: the Department of the Army, State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP); the State of Hawaii Department of Health Section 401 Water Quality Certification; the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Review; and the statewide DLNR Conservation District Use Permit.

The SPGP is an expedited permit process to replenish up to 10,000 cubic yards of sand in the waters and land of the state of Hawaii as an alternative to shoreline hardening and beach loss.

Guidelines outlining the application process are included with the application. All applications will be submitted to the DLNR for processing.

For more information on this program, and to download the application form, please visit the OCCL website at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/occl/> or contact OCCL at (808) 587-0377.

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<http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/news/PublicNotices.html>.